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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for purposes of surveillance and provocation during the period 7 to 15 October 1992. During that same period, United States aircraft also dropped fire-balls on various regions in Ninawa governorate in northern Iraq, as follows:

7-8 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar. At 1347 hours on 7 October 1992, a two-aircraft formation dropped fire-balls in the air near the Mosul Dam. At 1550 hours on 8 October 1992, two United States aircraft dropped a number of heat flares on the region of Bartalah, east of Mosul.

(b) Southern region: 45 sorties flown by F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Qurnah, Ushbayjah, Samawah and Busayyah.

9-10 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dukan.

(b) Northern region: 44 sorties flown by F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Saman, south Diwaniyah and Busayyah.

10-11 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah. At 1305 hours and 1930 hours on 10 October 1992, United States aircraft dropped heat flares on the eastern shore of the Saddam Dam Lake and on Firnas airfield in Mosul successively.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties flown by F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Khidr and Busayyah.

11-12 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 6,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah. At 1500 hours on 11 October 1992, two United States aircraft dropped 27 heat flares on the eastern shore of the Saddam Dam Lake in Ninawa governorate.

(b) Southern region: 86 sorties flown by F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Salman and Busayyah.

12-13 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 49 sorties flown by F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Artawi and Busayyah.

13-14 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 47 sorties flown by F-15 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 20,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Salman, south Diwaniyah and Busayyah.

14-15 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho. At 0815 hours on 14 October 1992, a United States aircraft dropped eight heat flares on the region of Salamiyah in Ninawa governorate. At 0855 hours on 14 October 1992, a two-aircraft formation dropped fire-balls on the Saddam Dam in Ninawa governorate.

(b) Southern region: 39 sorties flown by F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Artawi, Chalabiyah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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